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Learn Today, To Lead Tomorrow

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What is Happening In March

March 9th– Upper School
Concert-Performance Hall,
6:30 p.m.

March 11th– April Lunch
Calendars due

March 12th– 3rd quarter ends

Liberty Common School Board of Directors 2009-2010

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Board of Directors Meeting: Expansion Mtg.

BOD AGENDA

Financial Review, approve 2010-2011 school calendar, review Election Committee progress, write Headmaster performance evaluation, foreign language report.

Thank you for the many generous donations to the 1st Annual Liberty Silent Auction. Items already received:

- Golf Lessons, Haarahan Golf School
- A lovely, custom hand-crafted quilt
- Lodging at historic Cabin in the Pines, beneath Longs Peak
- Combo Metronomes from Boomers
- Custom Cabinets-Tharp Cabinets

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High-School Update by Bob Schaffer,

Why parents should abandon their kids

Good Parenting Made Simple. Oftentimes the best thing you can do for your kids is to abandon them for a few hours and go have some fun. It's patently true.

With that well-tested universal parenting principal firmly in mind, Liberty's parent-led Fund-Development Committee is planning an event that's good for you and even better for your kids.

Put This On Your Calendar Today. The First Annual Liberty Fundraiser and Silent Auction is Saturday evening, May 1st at the Rio Grande Restaurant. The theme is "Learn Today, To Lead Tomorrow." The Committee expects you and all Liberty parents to abandon their kids, show up and have a blast.

Please Don't Disappoint Them. While your erudite children are home studying, reading ahead in their lessons, catching up on chores, preparing for Sunday services, ignoring Saturday Night Live, politely addressing the babysitter as "ma'am" and flossing before bedtime, we – yes that's "we" as in "ALL OF US" – parents will be whooping it up in the Agave Room at the Rio celebrating the home stretch of yet another spectacularly successful school year at Liberty.

We'll be rallying to support our kids' school. We'll have loads of fun. Furthermore, we'll behold heartwarming, fascinating tales of win-win economic principles evident at all silent auctions. Follow this fantastic vignette:


A Five-Star Hawaiian Vacation For \$10! Is it possible? Yes. Likely? Hardly. But that's how silent auctions work. When we muse about our soirée during the lighter moments of the Fund-Development Committee's planning meetings (which is truthfully about 95% of the time), here's one of several scenarios we imagine unfolding the evening of May 1st:

Awash In Splendor: Motivated by the wholesome chance to support Liberty, generous donors furnish magnificent products, services, treasures, heirlooms, exquisite artifacts, fine wines, motorcycles and resort packages to Liberty – perhaps a Hawaiian vacation. Maybe a sightseeing tour of Laramie, Wyoming. Perhaps even a colonoscopy (but we repeat ourselves).

Waxing the Slippery Slope. The setting is the enchanted lofts of the Ft. Collins Rio Restaurant. Everyone knows where that is. The food is great. So is the iced tea. It's springtime.

Familiar 70s and 80s tunes play in the background making everyone feel young again. Barry Manilow stirs memories for the Ronens. Doo-wop 50s hits for Vetter. For the Spicers, it's disco.

Carrots and celery-stick appetizers make the nachos and wings seem healthy and nutritious. Mmmm, the quesadillas go great with the margs. Salt and lime please. **(Continued pg. 3)**




SAVE THE DATE

LEARN TODAY, TO LEAD TOMORROW

1st Annual Liberty Fundraiser and Silent Auction
Saturday, May 1, 2010
The Rio Grande Restaurant
Upstairs in the Agave Room
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm




NCIL 2009-2010 Track Schedule

March 27th	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	at New Vision
March 30th	Tues.	4:00 p.m.	at Liberty Common
April 7th	Wed.	4:00 p.m.	at Windsor
April 10th	Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Immanuel Lutheran Invitational
April 17th	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	UNC (Greeley)
April 21st	Wed.	4:00 p.m.	Frontier
April 28th	Wed.	4:00 p.m.	Liberty

Opportunities To Take An Active Role At Liberty Common School

The Fund Development Committee is looking for volunteers! If you are interested in any of the following, we want to hear from you:

Party planners – if you like to plan parties, the Special Event Committee needs your help planning a spring fundraising event to include decorations, promotion, silent auction donations and other areas. You can be a part of creating a Liberty tradition!

Grant Researchers – if you enjoy research, the Grant Committee is for you. Grant writing is 80% research and 20% writing which is why these volunteers are crucial. We need people who can research grants available and then thoroughly research the funders so the grant writers have all the information needed to write the grants.

Booster Club – if sports and after-school activities are your passion, then we need you! To keep sports fees for grades 7-12 low, we need to form a Booster Club to raise money for Liberty teams. We are looking for a leader of the club and members to join the effort.

Please contact Kayleen Fraley at 970-377-8850 or kayleen@fraleyfamily.com or Michelle Provaznik at 970-223-0188 or provaznik@msn.com with questions or to volunteer.

Liberty Parents,

I want to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with Jungle Jubilee, either with donations or with your time. The carnival was a tremendous success and the kids seemed to have a great time. Without everyone's help, it would not have gone as well as it did!

Thank You- Lisa Murphy

Math Counts Chapter Competition Results and State Competition Details

Winning Team Members/Final Place

Kevin Sun/8th
 Alex Iverson/10th
 Allen Zhou/11th
 Victor Amato/ 13th (pretty impressive for a 6th grader!)

State Qualifying Individuals/Final Place (these scores do not count toward the team competition)

Will Werst/6th (our top finisher)
 Tim Scott/21st
 Cody Turner/30th
 Also Participated : Zachary Sun/43rd

Team Places after competing at Chapter Competition

1st-Liberty, 2nd-Leshler IB, 3rd-Preston, 4th-Kinard, 5th-Windsor Middle School (Berthoud), 7th-Boltz, 8th-Imagine Charter School (Firestone)

The state competition will be held on Saturday, March 13th in Golden. Five of the 8 students that competed in the Chapter Competition will be representing Liberty at the state level. Good Luck Liberty students and thanks to Torgun Lovely, Math Counts Coach.

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Rows of splendid silent-auction items are alluringly presented beside clipboards with silent-bidding sheets. Hereupon the typical tightwad Liberty parent starts the bidding by registering an improbable lowball figure hoping nobody notices or cares to raise his bid before evening's end. Hah!

So as to conceal the anticipation of the pending \$10 bid on a Five-Star Hawaiian vacation, the anxious tightwad bidder cleverly places an additional decoy bid of \$10 on a nearby Detroit Tigers baseball cap. So far, so good.

The Best Strategy Is Good Surveillance. Our tightwad Liberty dad stakes out his Pacific prize from half-way across the room carefully avoiding any gesture that would betray his interest in the dream vacation. In ten minute intervals he swings by the Tigers baseball cap pretending to care about it.

A quick nonchalant glance at the vacation bid confirms his surveillance is acute. Imagine the luck. For a paltry ten bucks, the vacation is virtually his!

Back to the stakeout post, he's thinking to himself, "Let's see. Where did I put my snorkel? Speedo? Tanning lotion?" Gnawing down a plate of wings helps cut the suspense. The clock ticks down.

Each morsel tastes more and more like juicy Hawaiian pork Laulus as, incredibly, bidder after bidder pass over the lone entry on the vacation clipboard. Just an hour left.

The DJ's playing Journey's classic *Don't Stop Believing*. Can this be real? Miraculously, the \$10 bid is still holding. His anxiety is building fast, nearly keeping pace with that pile of chicken bones.

Tightwad Pandemonium. Predictably, with 30 minutes to go, and just as Dybzinski finishes showing off his Michael Jackson moonwalk across the dance floor, a microcosmic explosion of basic economics erupts around the silent-auction tables. The epicenter is...jeeppers...it's the Hawaiian vacation.

A pandemic of exuberant long-run aggregate market adjustment sweeps the Agave Room as suddenly the bid on the Polynesian paradise surges from \$10 to a rationally explicit-opportunity price point of 1,000 times \$10.

Mortified he might be stuck with a crummy Tigers ball cap, our nervous tightwad asks his wife if she remembers the balance of their family checking account. Oh, never mind.

The effect of intransitive risk variables on marginal propensity to consume is inversely proportional to market volatility. Besides, he's got credit cards.

A few more zeros are hastily tendered upon the last bid. The auction closes. The results are tallied. Soon they're announced; and then...sustained thunderous applause.

With the announcement of a five-figure Hawaiian bid, twenty more cherubic Liberty scholars are going to get laptops – and Kleenex!

No impulsiveness here – none at all. It's a thoughtful, confident donation to his kid's school at a time when it needs it most. It's basic silent-auction economics in action.

The kids win. What a beautiful, intelligent, community-minded gesture.

Tears? You bet. Buckets of them – joyfully streaming all around, especially from the eyes of Liberty's hard-working staff. The teachers win.

It turns out, the tightwad dad saves the day. Yes, he wins, too. He emerges as our courageous hero. Everyone cheers. Everyone is happy. A great time is had by all. The children are saved.

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The event is a smashing success. Members of the Fund-Development Committee are already picking a date for next year's Second Annual Liberty Fundraiser and Silent Auction. Bill Kranz is shouting "Freebird!" to the DJ.

Our tightwad hero is rightfully proud. His wife is kissing him like they're newlyweds again. He can already smell the sun-tan lotion, the salt air breezing through coconut groves. They're going to Hawaii!

And because it benefits such a wholesome cause, for the betterment of academic enrichment and intellectual wellbeing of all children at Liberty Common School, he doesn't seem to much mind that he also blew \$10 on a Detroit Tigers baseball cap.

Call To Action: Dear moms and dads, now please proceed directly to your calendars and print "Liberty Silent Auction - abandon the children," in ink, on Saturday May 1st. It's important you do this now. Please. Thank you. See you then.

Bring a credit card.

Congrats to Alex Hennings! Alex correctly decoded the clue in last week's Monday Notes to determine the Mystery Sentence is, "I have a dream" from Dr. Martin Luther King's famous speech. He won a magnificent Michael Ricker pewter sculpture.

Bull-Moose Attention Grabber. This week's Smart Kid Question is another Mystery Sentence - a bit harder. Q: What is this mystery sentence and who said it?

Clue: One of the most famous sentences from the history of warfare in the United States is a simple declarative sentence which begins with a first-person singular personal pronoun, then contains a verb phrase in which the verb, which is the first-person singular present perfect tense of the verb "to begin," is separated from its helping verb by two adverbs, then concludes with an infinitive.

Be the first to answer correctly and win an attention-grabbing statuette of a hollering bull moose sitting on a tree stump. Yes, it's quite a conversation piece.

Shop At Lane Bryant. Thanks to our good friends at Lane Bryant for donating sixteen discount cards and coupons with which ninth-grade scholars can purchase more dress-code-compliant clothes. [CLICK HERE](#) for store information.

Sharp Dressers Spotted. For their good-garb leadership Liberty Passes (jeans on Friday) were awarded last week to Camille Anderson, Jesse Sodetz, Kati Werst, Jake Fraley, Matthew Bunner, Hope Jeffers and Melissa Davis. Congratulations to them all and thank you for making Liberty Common School look sharp.

First LCHS House Call. Attention all LCHS-bound 8th and 9th graders. Guess what: The Headmaster has already assigned you to an LCHS House. That's right! You're already in Domus Scientiae (House of Knowledge), Domus Virtutis (House of Virtue) or Domus Prudentiae (House of Common Sense).

Dying to know which one you're in? Sorry. It's a really big, well-kept secret for now. You'll have to wait until Thursday.

The classified, confidential, triple-top-secret list is locked in a vault which itself is hidden deep in the underground LCHS bunker - near the senior-class swimming pool. Assignments will be made public on Thursday, March 11th at a pizza feast at Liberty. If you miss the meeting, you might be reassigned to a fourth "Domus Perdo" (House of Slackers).

This Thursday, house deans will be announced and introduced, so will house parents. Houses will organize, make initial plans and acquaint new incoming scholars who will be attending LCHS and joining the Liberty community. The dinner bell rings at 6:30 p.m. sharp. This is your first official LCHS "House Call."

For a primer on the LCHS House System, [CLICK HERE](#).

Donate To Liberty: Liberty needs more financial support. To donate now, please [CLICK HERE](#). To volunteer to help our parent-led Fund Development Committee - for example, you might want to help plan the Silent Auction so it turns out exactly as foretold above - please email Committee Co-Chair Kayleen Fraley at kayleen.fraley@libertycommon.org

Get details about the Silent Auction in the nearby announcement.

Resource Room Needs Volunteers

The Resource Room (copy room) is needing a volunteer on Wednesday mornings and on Thursday afternoons. Keeping on top of the copying jobs for our school is very important. Please check your schedule and see if this is something you could do. Contact Angie Selgren at 482-9800, ext. 113.

1st Annual Liberty Common Fundraiser/Silent Auction

Donate! Contribute!

Gift Certificates...Items....Events...Services. We Need Them All!

- Contact all your celebrity friendsfrom sports, entertainment, politics, community? Signed articles are always popular!
- Donate your expertise– skiing lessons, flyfishing lessons, music lessons, bike repair, computer classes, photography session.
- Give tickets to a special event with dinner and a limo, a romantic weekend getaway and tickets to the theatre, or a hot air balloon ride.
- Pair up with a pal and cook your favorite ethnic specialty.
- Get creative about what you can give to our school!

Please help make this event a tremendous success!

Contact Sue Jones at sjones@performanceacs.com or Kayleen Fraley at kfraley@tharpcabinets.com with your ideas, questions or help with donations.